

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. by President John Breslin. Members present were Liz Breslin, Elmo Parlor, Tori Smith, Erica Wolak, Brandon Wolak, Dawn Wolak, Dean Smith, Kristen Smith, Liz Al-Akel, DeAnna Kornaus, Chris Kornaus, Adam Nyiri, Jackie. Guests Nicole Brown and Jerry Lannon. Liaisons Bernie Zemen and Dave (Parks & Rec.)

No June minutes were reviewed.

The financial report was reviewed and accepted. \$43,309.42.

Liaisons - Bernie had nothing. Dave thanked us for the porta-potties along the race/parade route.

Memorial Day - Liz. No report.

Arts & Crafts - Erica. Sending invitation to the glitter person. Angie (purses vendor) left festival with P & R 100' electrical cord, was not returned.

Fireworks - Liz and John. Liz reported that we may get a bill from Mad Bomber for set up and rental of truck to transport fireworks to site. Will have double show in 2019. Budget will be carried over to 2019 budget. Elmo said this is our 34th year as twilight parade. Kristen said we need to communicate immediately our intentions about rescheduling if this happens again.

Kiddie Parade - Chris. 35 applications, passed out leftover bags on the 4th of July.

Twilight Parade - DeAnna/Kristin/Chris. 103 entries. Consider charging a late fee after deadline date. Logistics are a nightmare afterwards. Liz A. suggested early bird registration April 1 - May 1. May 1- June 1 charge for entry. DeAnna says it is the latecomers who must pay late fee. Between 6-15 and 7-2, Kristen received 92 phone calls. She had to do too much before the parade to take late registrations in July. Kristen heard all the excuses including "I forgot". Will revise parade rules. Had some alcohol violations, rude entrants, rude to HCCE members, wrong entry ways, disobey rules *letter to Tradewinds attached. New Creations Ministry not suspended, just warned, letter attached. Albert's Jeweler's suspended, letter attached*

Rule about passing candy by kids under age 14 not allowed: posted on Facebook, not entire rule posted. Do NOT post any rules on social media. Safety matters, smaller kids cannot pass out candy. Political advertising-not a campaign trail. Changing line-up to come out at 43rd since fire trucks are already gone. Once military are gone, grand marshal, town council, checkpoints 3, 1, and 6 will be intermingled with floats. Parade judges were great.

Winners were Griffith 1st Christian Church; Brantwood Band; Controlled Chaos; Wonder Years; Orak Shriners Motorcycles; Highland High School Band.

Good, Bad, Ugly survey results were 319 want part sirens & horns; 173 want everything entire route; 29 wants nothing at all.

Entertainment - Tom Lounges. No report.

Foods Trailers & Tents - Dawn/Liz. New Pierogi vendor for 2019: Sweet and Savory Delights (Randy)

219-308-1993 Mexican - El Hefe from Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland

Publicity - Erica. 10,000 fliers were passed out. Erica needs someone to do social media i.e.: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

Security - Bernie and Chief Pete. Police presence was good, no problems during festival.

Grounds - John/Dean/Brandon. The only way we can collect on our "rain" insurance policy is if rides are closed. Our total income this year was \$44,047.36. Used 288 coupons. Donnie does not want to offer wristbands on the first night, except if it is on a parade night. RE: Rain refunds from the 4th for wristbands, Donnie would give \$ refunds for the last 40 bands sold. Tickets are good for anywhere he is or good for next year, too. We will get family bins for next year in our tent. John will talk to Michael about buying a new tent with walls, that Parks and Rec could also use for their events.

Santa Parade - Deanna/Kristin/Chris No report.

Old Business - none.

New Business - Trunk or Treat. Possibly \$5 donation per vehicle. October 27, 2018. No masks. Copy of rough draft application. Main square.

Adjourned at 8:38 pm. Next meeting August 9, 2018 7 pm

Respectfully submitted, Liz Breslin, Secretary

2019 Festival Dates

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| Wed | July 3 | Parade |
| Thurs | July 4 | Fireworks |
| Fri | July 5 | |
| Sat | July 6 | |
| Sun | July 7 | |